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APPOINTMENTS

George Washington University School of Law
Visiting Professor of Law (2025-2026)

University of Virginia School of Law
Professor of Law (2025-present)
Associate Professor of Law (2020-2025)

Harvard Law School
Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law (2017-2020)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
Juris Doctor (2012)

Yale University
B.A./M.A., American Studies (2006)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The Radical Roots of the Democratic Jury
135 YALE L.J. ____ (2025)

The First Black Jurors and the Integration of the American Jury
99 N.Y.U. L. REV. 101 (2024)

The End of Batson? Race, Rulemaking, and Criminal Procedure Reform
124 COLUM. L. REV. 1 (2024) (with Brandon Charles Osowski)

The Dangerous Few: Taking Seriously Prison Abolition and its Skeptics [Essay]
135 HARV. L. REV. 2013 (2022)

Why Do Rule 48 Dismissals Require Leave of Court?
73 STAN. L. REV. ONLINE 28 (2020)

For Cause: Rethinking Racial Exclusion and the American Jury,
118 MICH. L. REV. 785 (2020)

What Justice Thomas Gets Right about Batson,
72 STAN. L. REV. ONLINE 1 (2019)

The Jim Crow Jury,
71 VAND. L. REV. 1593 (2018)

'Some Savage Tribe': Race, Legal Violence, and the Mormon War of 1838,
40 J. OF MORMON HIST. 175 (2014)

Predisposition and Positivism: The Forgotten Foundations of the Entrapment Doctrine,
103 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 111 (2013)

A Union of Amateurs: A Legal Blueprint to Reshape Big-Time College Athletics,
60 BUFFALO L. REV. 1003 (2012) (with Nicholas Fram)

Bivens's Revisions: Constitutional Torts After Minneci v. Pollard [Comment]
100 CAL. L. REV. 1712 (2012)

The Uneven Bulwark: How (and Why) Criminal Jury Trial Rates Vary by State [Comment]
100 CAL. L. REV. 183 (2012)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Challenges for Cause in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON JURY DECISIONMAKING (Valerie Hans and Nancy Marder, eds.) (forthcoming Edwin Elgar Publishing 2025)

Decision Making in the Shadow of Evidence Law in THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF PSYCHOLOGY AND LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (Monica K. Miller et al., eds.) (Cambridge University Press 2024) (with Bobbie Spellman)

SYMPOSIA & SHORTER PIECES

How Batson Was Decided
22.1 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. 23 (2025)

Hanging up the Robe
32 FED. SENT'G REP. 184 (2021)

In Defense of Reentry: A Response to Shreya Subramani's Productive Separations
47 FORDHAM URBAN L.J. 993 (2020) (co-authored with Kelly Orians)

The Coming Storm? Hush Money and the Federal Election Campaign Act
HARV. L. REV. BLOG, Jan. 29, 2018

A Blueprint for Unionizing College Sports,
DEADSPIN, Jan. 31, 2014

Neutrality Agreements and Article III Standing: Why Unite Here Local 355 v. Mulhall is Nonjusticiable,
SSRN, Oct. 7, 2013

Lombroso's Ghost: Entrapment, Predisposition, and the War on Terror,
THE NEW INQUIRY, Mar. 23, 2013

College Athletes Deserve Employee Status,
S.F. CHRONICLE (SUNDAY INSIGHT), Mar. 25, 2012 (co-authored with Nicholas Fram

Vegas at Odds: Organizing in a Leisure Economy, 1960-1985, by James P. Kraft [Book Review]
32 BERKELEY J. OF EMP. & LAB. L. 211 (2011)

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Jack B. Weinstein
Eastern District of New York (2013-2014)

Hon. Diane P. Wood
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (2012-2013)

SELECTED PRO BONO

Chavis v. Lawrence (23-CV-1129 (M.D.La.))
Lee v. Lawrence (23-CV-1229 (M.D.La.))
Brown v. Baton Rouge Police Department (23-CV-1313 (M.D.La.))
State v. Norwood (No. 01-04-053 (La. 19th JDC))
State v. Hayes (No. 23M241, La. 23rd JDC)
Lewis v. Bickham (No. 538-804K (Orleans Parish Dist. Ct.); 20-CV-00484 (M.D.La.); No. 23-30086 (5th Cir.))
Parker v. LeBlanc (No. 20-CV-00609 (M.D.La.))
Sneed v. Hooper (No. 21-CV-00704 (M.D.La.))
Reed v. Lawrence (21-CV-00624 (M.D.La.))
Green v. Camallo (21-CV-00001 (M.D.La.))
Taylor v. Gusman (20-CV-449 (E.D.La.); 20-30481 (5th Cir.))
State v. Davis (No. 256-053“A” (Orleans Parish Dist. Ct.))
Brief for Five Excluded Jurors as Amicus Curiae,
Boys v. Louisiana, 142 S. Ct. 1672 (2022) (No. 21-1110)
Brief for JonRe Taylor as Amicus Curiae,
Edwards v. Vannoy, 140 S. Ct. 2737 (2020) (No. 19-5807)
Brief for Japanese American Citizens League as Amicus Curiae,
Trump v. Hawaii, 138 S. Ct. 2392 (2018) (No. 17-965) (with Walter Dellinger et al.)

EXPERT TESTIMONY Qualified as expert witness in “legal history, race and the law” in *State v. Maxie*, No. 13-CR-072522, 11th Judicial Circuit (Sabine Parish, La.) (declaring unconstitutional La. Const. Art. I, § 17(A) authorizing non-unanimous criminal verdicts).

**PRESENTATIONS &
PANELS**

The Radical Roots of the Democratic Jury, 1925-1975

Constitutional Law Conference, University of Chicago, 2025

Faculty Workshop, Cornell Law School, 2024

Vanderbilt Criminal Justice Roundtable, Vanderbilt Law School, 2024

How Batson Was Decided

CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, 2024

Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law Symposium, Moritz School of Law, 2024

The First Black Jurors

HLS Legal History Workshop, Harvard Law School, 2024

Markelloquium, Brooklyn Law School, 2023

SouthWest Criminal Law Conference, UNLV, 2022

CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, 2022

The End of Batson? Race, Rulemaking, and Criminal Procedure Reform

Criminal Justice Roundtable, Harvard Law School, 2023

Wilson Center Work-in-Progress Series, Duke Law School, 2023

“The Killing Jury”

Law & Society Association, Lisbon, Portugal, 2022

The Dangerous Few

Faculty Workshop Series, Northwestern University School of Law, 2021

CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, 2018

For Cause: Rethinking Racial Exclusion and the American Jury

CrimFest, Brooklyn Law School, 2019

Junior Criminal Law Faculty Workshop, Colorado Law School, 2019

“Batson at a Crossroads: Developments in North Carolina and Beyond”

North Carolina Racial Equity Network, Durham, North Carolina, 2020

“APALSA Korematsu Day Panel: Trump v. Hawaii”

Boston College Law, 2019

The Jim Crow Jury

Law & Society Association, Toronto, Ontario, 2018

“Moving Beyond Criminal Law to Fix the Criminal Justice System”

Law & Society Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2016

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Virginia School of Law

Criminal Adjudication

Criminal Law

Civil Rights Litigation

Rethinking Criminal Justice

The Psychology of Wrongful Convictions

Political Prisoners

Criminal Law Colloquium

Harvard Law School

Legal Research and Writing

BAR ADMISSIONS

Louisiana, California (inactive)

E.D.La., M.D.La., 5th Cir., U.S. Supreme Court